* Exploring new ways to bridge the resource gaps through business restructuring initiatives.

Loans Taken by SAIL and TISCO from SDF

2138. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that SAIL and TISCO have availed of big share of loans from Steel Development Fund;

(b) if so, what is the principal and interest thereof outstanding against each of them as on 31st December, 1998;

(c) the steps taken by Government to recover the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) and (b) Loans have been granted from Steel Development Fund to Steel Authority of India Ltd., Tata Iron & Steel Company Ltd., Rastriya Ispat Nigam Ltd., and Indian Iron & Steel Company Ltd. for modernisation/expansion schemes of these Main Producers.

The details of principal and interest outstanding against SAIL and TISCO as on 31.12.98 was as under:

SI.No.	Name of the Party	Outstanding Principal (Rs. in Crores)	Pr -Outstanding interest in (Rs. in Crores)
1.	SAIL	4762.96	430.82
2.	TISCO	911.64	76.57

(c) The repayment schedule of principal & interest of SDF loans depends upon the purpose for which the loans are granted. The terms & conditions of such loans are determind accordingly by the SDF Managing Committee. Recovery of SDF loans is being effected as per these terms & conditions.

खनिजों का निर्यात

2139. **श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ला** : क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) आज की स्थिति के अनुसार सरकारी तथा गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र द्वारा निकाले गए विभिन्न किस्मों के खनिजों का किन-किन देशों को निर्यात किया जा रहा हैं;

(ख) सरकार की निर्यात संबंधी नीति क्या हैं और इस नीति के अन्तर्गत इन खनिजों को निर्यात करने मे कितना प्रोत्साहन मिल रहा हैं;

(ग) क्या वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में खनिजों के निर्यात के लिए कोई विशेष पैकेज उपलब्ध कराया हैं; और

(घ) सरकार ने खनिजों के निर्यात को बढ़ावा देने में राज्य सरकारों के साथ अब तक क्या प्रयास किए हैं?

इस्पात और खान मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रमेश बैस) : (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही हैं और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Repealing of LLC Act

2140. SHRI V.N. GADGIL:Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to repeal of Urban Land Ceiling Act;

(b) what is the rationale for repeal;

(c) whether such a repeal will enormously help the Builders lobby; and

(d) whether Government will similarly advise State Governments to repeal Agriculture Land Ceiling Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) to (c)